



California Redistricting Basics

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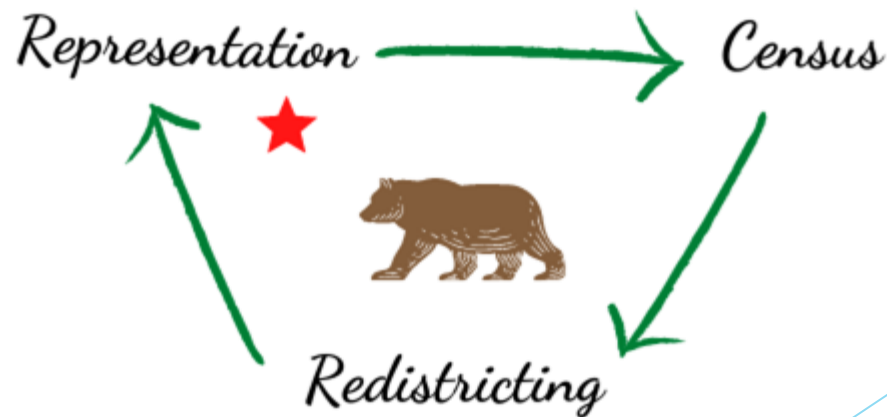
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What is Redistricting?

Drawing new boundaries that determine which Californians are represented by each elected official.



Why We Redraw District Maps



- ▶ Communities change.
- ▶ People are born, die, and move.
- ▶ Communities grow and shrink.
- ▶ Areas where there were once roughly the same number of people become unequal.

Your Voice

- ▶ Why is redistricting important?
- ▶ Why should you be involved?
- ▶ Your role in the process

Redistricting has been used at times to exclude communities from political power. By fully participating in and monitoring the upcoming redistricting process, more communities may have a better opportunity to elect candidates of their choice who will voice their needs and interests.

*Your Voice
Your Choice*



How Redistricting Affects You

Power to the People



Champion Your Issues



Funding Priorities



Community Boundaries



Road to Fair Representation

- ▶ **Census**—Every ten years the entire U.S. population is counted, and that data is used to draw new maps to account for population shifts across the states and districts.
- ▶ **Reapportionment**—The federal reallocation of House seats among the states, done after each national census to ensure seats are held by the states in proportion to the size of their population.
- ▶ **Redistricting**—Drawing new boundaries that determine which voters are represented by each electoral district.
- ▶ **Fair Representation**—Historically, legislators have drawn maps that allowed them to choose their voters rather than enabling voters to choose their representatives. This former system undermined the concept of fair representation, which is to give people the power to choose their representatives.

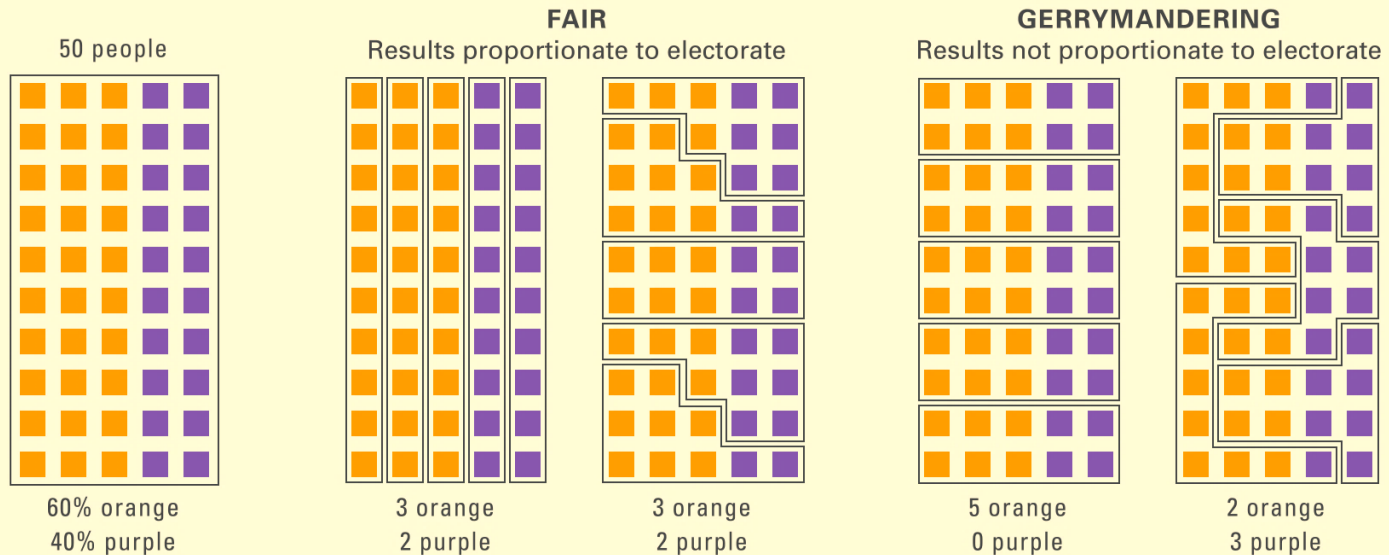


Why Independent Redistricting Matters

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How differently drawn district maps produce different electoral results

FOUR WAYS TO DIVIDE 50 PEOPLE INTO 5 DISTRICTS:



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6 Line Drawing Criteria by order

The Commission must follow these weighted criteria in this order when drawing district maps :

1 Equal Population Districts must be of equal population to comply with the US Constitution.	2 Voting Rights Act Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.	3 Contiguity Districts must be drawn so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
4 Communities of Interest Districts must minimize the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent possible	5 Geographically Compact Districts should be geographically compact such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations. This requirement refers to density, not shape.	6 Nesting Districts Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts and Board of Equalization districts shall be composed of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate Districts.

In addition, the place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate may not be considered in the creation of a map, and districts may not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.

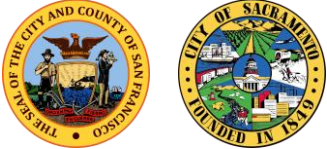
Different Redistricting Efforts



State—Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization.



Counties—58 counties, some with their own process.



Cities—482 cities, some with their own process.



School Districts—977 school districts, some with their own process.

Other Redistricting Efforts—water districts, community college districts, etc.



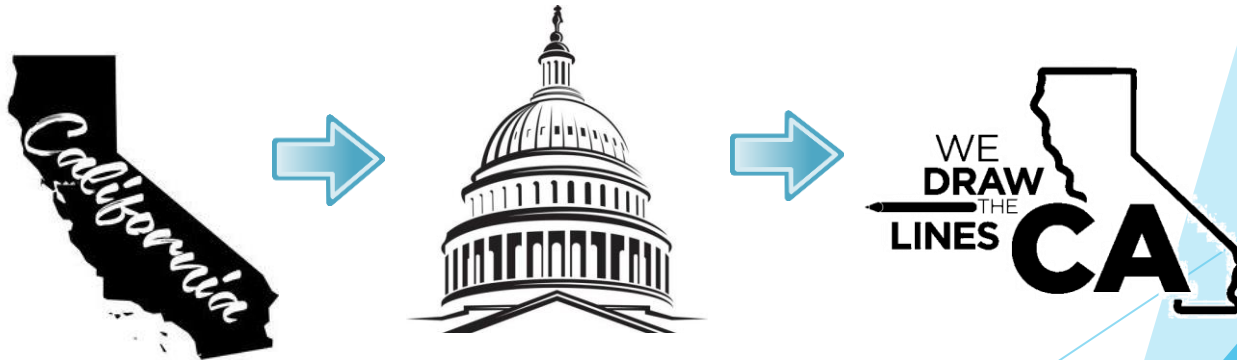
History

- ▶ **Prior to 2010**—Legislators drew lines, or the court did if the legislature failed to carry out this duty properly
- ▶ **Proposition 11 (2008)**—the Voters FIRST Act/We Draw the Lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and Board of Equalization
- ▶ **Proposition 20 (2010)**—Added congressional districts
- ▶ **2010 Redistricting Commission**
- ▶ **2020 Redistricting Commission**
- ▶ **Other States with Independent Commissions**—Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Montana and Washington use independent commissions to draw the lines.



Commissioner Selection

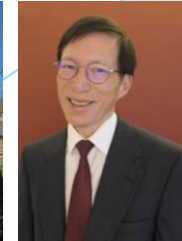
- ▶ **Commissioner Applications (Over 20,000 applicants)**
- ▶ **Supplemental Applications (2,000)**
- ▶ **Interview/Screening Process (120 applicants)**
- ▶ **Applicant Pool sent to Legislature (60 applicants)**
- ▶ **Legislative Strikes (12 strikes each party)**
- ▶ **Lottery System: First 8**
- ▶ **Final 6 Selection**



Who we are

► 2020 Commissioners: 14 Members

• Isra Ahmad , San Jose, No Party Preference	• Sara Sadhwani , La Cañada Flintridge, Democrat
• Linda Akutagawa , Huntington Beach, No Party Preference	• Patricia S. Sinay , Encinitas, Democrat
• Jane Andersen , Berkeley, Republican	• Derric Taylor , Los Angeles, Republican
• Alicia Fernández , Clarksburg, Republican	• Pedro Toledo , Petaluma, No Party Preference
• Neal Fornaciari , Tracy, Republican	• Trena Turner , Stockton, Democrat
• J. Ray Kennedy , Morongo Valley, Democrat	• Angela Vázquez , Los Angeles, Democrat
• Antonio Le Mons , Studio City, No Party Preference	• Russell Yee , Oakland, Republican



Commissioner Duties

▶ Community Outreach/ Public Input Meetings

- Engage the public
- Collect community input
- Hear public testimony



▶ Draw Maps--Draft and final maps for Congress (~53), Senate (40), Assembly (80), and Board of Equalization (4)

EXAMPLE: SACRAMENTO



CONGRESS

(700,000 people)



SENATE

(931,000 people)



ASSEMBLY

(466,000 people)



BOE

(9 million people)



Outreach Zones



ZONE	COUNTIES	COMMISSIONERS
A	Del Norte, Humboldt County, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, Trinity	Commissioner Toledo Commissioner Taylor
B	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama	Commissioner Sinay Commissioner Yee
C	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano	Commissioner Yee Commissioner Toledo
D	El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba	Commissioner Fernandez Commissioner LeMons
E	Monterey, San Benito, San Luis, Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Ventura	Commissioner Fornaciari Commissioner Kennedy
F	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare	Commissioner Turner Commissioner Vazquez
G	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, Tuolumne	Commissioner Andersen Commissioner Akutagawa
H	Los Angeles	Commissioner Taylor Commissioner Ahmad
I	Riverside, San Bernardino	Commissioner Kennedy Commissioner LeMons
J	Orange	Commissioner Akutagawa Commissioner Sadhwani
K	Imperial, San Diego	Commissioner Sinay Commissioner Ahmad

Communities of Interest (COI)

- ▶ **Communities of Interest (COI)**--A community of interest is a concentrated population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples include culture, areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media. People can belong to multiple communities of interest.
- ▶ **Defining Your Communities**
 - Geographic
 - Boundaries
 - Things you have in common



Participating in the Process

1



DESCRIBE
your community

2



DRAW
your community on a map

3



SEND
your testimony directly to
the Commission

Provide your input today at:
DrawMyCACommunity.org



Ways to Provide Public Input

- ▶ **Communities of Interest (COI) Mapping Tool:**
DrawMyCACommunity.org
- ▶ **On Our Website:** WeDrawTheLinesCA.org
- ▶ **By E-mail:** VotersFirstAct@crc.ca.gov
- ▶ **By Mail:** California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Draw My CA Community

My Community

1. Describe your community

Give your community a name*

Required

Tell us about your community. What are your shared interests? What brings you together? What is important to your community?*

Required

3. Submit your community

SAVE SUBMIT

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CA Supreme Court Ruling

Legislature of CA v Alex Padilla S262530 July 17, 2020

The California Supreme Court ruled on July 17, 2020 that the Commission should have until December 15, 2021 to submit its maps to the California Secretary of State due to the delay in release of census results. If census results are received after July 31, 2021, the Commission's deadline will be adjusted accordingly.



Timeline

2021

- ▶ **February-May:** Education Presentations (California Redistricting Basics)
- ▶ **June-October:** Public Input Meetings (COI)
- ▶ **September 30:** Census Data Expected to the State
- ▶ **October 31:** Census Data Expected to the Commission
- ▶ **November-December:** Public Input Meetings/Line Drawing Sessions (Pre district maps)
- ▶ **December:** Draft District Maps Released

2022

- ▶ **January:** Public Input Meetings/Line Drawing Sessions
- ▶ **February:** District Maps Released
- ▶ **February 15:** Final District Maps to Secretary of State



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